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Secretary Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: City of Chula Vista's Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to introduce you to the City of Chula Vista as it competes for an Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

As the representative of California's 51st Congressional District, which includes a sizable portion of the City of Chula Vista, I am aware of the city's history of being a leader in clean air policy, innovative energy solutions and adaptive traffic control systems. The grant will help the City of Chula Vista enhance safety, increase efficiency, and reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gases. Also, as an approved Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Proving Ground, the City of Chula Vista intends to deploy enhanced detection and communication systems that will support future AV demonstrations which will lead to safer and more fuel efficient technologies.

In addition, the City of Chula Vista is proposing a variety of projects to combat ozone pollution and reduce asthma-related emergency room visits through the deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and a connected traffic signal network. The City of Chula Vista has the highest number of asthma-related emergency room visits in the region (per 100,000 population). High levels of ozone and other vehicle emissions play a critical role in the exacerbation of asthma and other respiratory diseases.

I respectfully urge you to give the City of Chula Vista's application full and fair consideration that is consistent with all applicable laws. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stephanie Allen, of my staff, at (619) 422-5963.

Sincerely,

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress